

in the proposed impoundment with an ultimate height of approximately 250 feet. Site preparation activities would include relocation of the Union Pacific Railroad mainline tracks, relocation of the C-7 Ditch, relocation of utility lines, the construction of a new bridge on Highway 202 over the relocated railroad lines, and modification of the Interstate 80 on and off ramps at the intersection with Highway 202.

Since the proposed action affects jurisdictional waters of the United States, Kennecott submitted a Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit Application to the Corps on June 10, 1994. The Corps determined that an EIS was required prior to making a permit decision.

The Corps published a notice of intent to prepare a DEIS for the proposed action on August 19, 1994 in the Federal Register. A public scoping meeting was held on September 19, 1994 and the written comment period remained open until November 7, 1994. A Draft EIS was released on April 28, 1995 and the public comment period closed on June 27, 1995.

Twelve alternatives are identified and analyzed in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Section 404(b)(1) guidelines for their technical, logistic, and economic practicability in the FEIS. The North Expansion West, the North Expansion East, and the No Action alternatives are carried forward for complete analysis in the FEIS.

The FEIS has been prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Corps implementing procedures in 33 CFR 230, the Council for Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA in 40 CFR 1500, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 404(b)(1) guidelines in 40 CFR 230.

The FEIS was filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for publication of its availability.

Dated: December 12, 1995.

Jack V. Scherer,

LTC, EN, Deputy Commander.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of School-to-Work Opportunities, Advisory Council for School-to-Work Opportunities; Notice of Open Meetings

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Council for School-to-Work Opportunities was

established by the Departments of Education and Labor to advise the Departments on implementation of the School-to-Work Opportunities Act. The Council shall assess the progress of School-to-Work Opportunities systems development and program implementation; make recommendations regarding progress and implementation of the School-to-Work Opportunities initiative; advise on the effectiveness of the new Federal role in providing venture capital to States and localities to develop School-to-Work systems and act as advocates for implementing the School-to-Work framework on behalf of their stakeholders.

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Advisory Council for School-to-Work Opportunities will have an open meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 1996 from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 2:15 p.m. and on Thursday, January 11 from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 3:00 p.m. at the Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001-1527. During the interim, Council members will work in small groups to develop and present strategic plans for the consideration of the whole Council.

**AGENDA:** The agenda for the meeting on Tuesday, January 9 from 1:00 p.m. -2:15 p.m. will include opening remarks, an overview of the role of the Advisory Council and introduction of participants. The agenda for the meeting on Thursday, January 11 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. will include reports from the various work groups, a conference summary and a discussion of future actions.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** The meetings on January 9 from 1:00-2:15 p.m. and on January 11 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. will be open to the public. Seats will be reserved for the media. Individuals with disabilities in need of special accommodations should contact the Designated Federal Official (DFO), listed below, at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** JD Hoye, Designated Federal Official (DFO), Advisory Council for School-to-Work Opportunities, Office of School-to-Work Opportunities, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW, Room 210, Washington, DC 202/401-6222, (This is not a toll free number.)

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 15th day of December 1995.

Timothy M. Barnicle,  
Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Patricia W. McNeil,  
Assistant Secretary of Education.

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## Office of Postsecondary Education

### Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Programs

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of the closing date for institutions to file an "Application for Institutional Participation" (ED Form E40-34P, OMB #1840-0098) to participate in the Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant programs for the 1996-97 award year.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary invites currently ineligible institutions of higher education that filed a Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate (FISAP) (ED Form 646-1) in one or more of the "campus-based programs" for the 1996-97 award year to submit to the Secretary an "Application for Institutional Participation" and all documents required for an eligibility and certification determination.

The campus-based programs are the Federal Perkins Loan Program, the Federal Work-Study Program, and the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program and are authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. The 1996-97 award year is July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997.

**DATE:** Closing Date for Filing Application and Required Documents. To participate in the campus-based programs in the 1996-97 award year, a currently ineligible institution must mail or hand-deliver its "Application for Institutional Participation" on or before January 22, 1996. The application along with all documents required for an eligibility and certification determination must be submitted to the Institutional Participation Division at one of the addresses indicated below.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications and Required Documents Delivered by Mail. An institutional participation application and required documents delivered by mail must be addressed to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, Institutional

Participation Division, Room 3522, ROB-3, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202-5323.

An applicant must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following: (1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark; (2) a legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service; (3) a dated shipping label, invoice or receipt from a commercial carrier; or (4) any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of Education.

If an application is sent through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing: (1) A private metered postmark, or (2) a mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

An applicant should note that the U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an applicant should check with its local post office.

An applicant is encouraged to use certified or at least first class mail. Institutions that submit institutional participation applications and required documents after the closing date will not be considered for funding under the campus-based programs for award year 1996-97.

**Applications and Required Documents Delivered by Hand.** An institutional participation application and required documents delivered by hand must be taken to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, Institutional Participation Division, Room 3522, ROB-3 (GSA Building), 7th and D Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20407. We will accept hand-delivered applications between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) daily, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. An institutional participation application for the 1996-97 award year that is delivered by hand will not be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on the closing date.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the three campus-based programs, the Secretary allocates funds to eligible institutions of higher education. The Secretary will not allocate funds under the campus-based programs for award year 1996-97 to any currently ineligible institution unless the institution files its "Application for Institutional Participation" and other required documents by the closing date. If the institution submits its institutional participation application or other required documents after the closing date, the Secretary will use this application in determining the institution's eligibility to participate in

the campus-based programs beginning with the 1997-98 award year.

For purposes of this notice, ineligible institutions only include:

(1) An institution that has not been designated as an eligible institution by the Secretary but has previously filed a FISAP; or

(2) An additional location of an eligible institution that is currently not included in the Department's eligibility certification for that eligible institution but has been included in the institution's 1996-97 FISAP.

The Secretary wishes to advise institutions that the institutional eligibility form, "Application for Institutional Participation," should not be confused with the FISAP form that institutions were required to submit electronically as of September 29, 1995, in order to be considered for funds under the campus-based programs for the 1996-97 award year.

#### Applicable Regulations

The following regulations apply to the campus-based programs:

(1) Student Assistance General Provisions, 34 CFR Part 668.

(2) Federal Perkins Loan Program, 34 CFR Part 674.

(3) Federal Work-Study Program, 34 CFR Part 675.

(4) Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, 34 CFR Part 676.

(5) Institutional Eligibility Under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 34 CFR Part 600.

(6) New Restrictions on Lobbying, 34 CFR Part 82.

(7) Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants), 34 CFR Part 85.

(8) Drug-Free Schools and Campuses, 34 CFR Part 86.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information concerning designation of eligibility, contact: Karen W. Kershenstein, Acting Director, Institutional Participation Division, U.S. Department of Education, Room 3923, ROB-3, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202-5323. Telephone: (202) 708-4906.

For technical assistance concerning the FISAP or other operational procedures of the campus-based programs, contact: Judy Norris, Acting Chief, Campus-Based Financial Operations Branch, Institutional Financial Management Division, Room 4714, ROB-3, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202-5458. Telephone: (202) 708-9757. Individuals who use a

telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1087aa *et seq.*; 42 U.S.C. 2751 *et seq.*; and 20 U.S.C. 1070b *et seq.*)

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers: 84.007 Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program; 84.033 Federal Work-Study Program; 84.038 Federal Perkins Loan Program)

Dated: December 15, 1995.

David A. Longanecker,  
Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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#### Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, State Agencies for Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education, and State Agencies for Approval of Nurse Education

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Request for Comments on Agencies applying to the Secretary for Initial Recognition or Renewal of Recognition.

**DATES:** Commentors should submit their written comments by February 5, 1996 to the address below.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen W. Kershenstein, Director, Accreditation and State Liaison Division, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3915 ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202-5244, telephone: (202) 708-7417.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

#### SUBMISSION OF THIRD-PARTY COMMENTS:

The Secretary of Education recognizes as reliable authorities as to the quality of education offered by institutions or programs within their scope accrediting agencies and State approval agencies for public postsecondary vocational education and nurse education that meet certain criteria for recognition. The purpose of this notice is to invite interested third parties to present written comments on the agencies listed in this notice that have applied for initial or continued recognition. All comments received in response to this notice will be reviewed by Department staff as part of its evaluation of the agencies' compliance with the criteria for recognition. In order for Department staff to give full consideration to the